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THE COMMONWEALTH CLUB OF CALIFORNIA

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MEMBERSHIP: The Commonwealth Club's membership consists of nearly 14,000 members; some 8,000 of whom are located within 40 miles of San Francisco.

FOUNDED in 1903:

- (1) To provide an open forum for the discussion of disputed questions;
- (2) To investigate state, national and international problems and aid in their solution.

PREVIOUS SPEAKERS: Include most United States Presidents since the Club's founding, heads of state of leading nations, and other distinguished statesmen and thinkers.

FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS: All speakers pay their own expenses; the Club has never paid honorarium, hotel, or traveling expenses to a speaker.

BROADCAST: Friday Luncheon addresses are broadcast via delayed transcription by over 100 stations throughout the United States, as well as by Voice of America, National Public Radio which includes a network of 150 stations in 38 states, plus Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico, and by Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

PRESS: When material is made available by a speaker at least one week in advance, a multilithed summary of the salient points is sent to San Francisco Bay Area and other key California newspapers, wire services, radio, and television (for release at hour of speaking).

PUBLICATION: Highlights of Friday Luncheon addresses are published in the Club's weekly, "The Commonwealth"; circulation over 15,000 distributed world wide.